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Aviation Legend Dies in Incident

**Georgia Wing Civil Air
Patrol members respond
in search of lost aircraft**

GEORGIA –

Thursday April 20th, was a sad day for Aviation. The body of Col. Albert Scott Crossfield, CAP was located amidst the wreckage of his Cessna 210A, N6579X in a remote area of Gordon County, Georgia near the Pickens County line. The aircraft disappeared from radar late Wednesday morning while on an instrument flight plan from Prattville, AL (1A9) to Manassas, VA, (HEF).

The identity of the pilot was withheld at the request of the family prior to discovery of the crash. The site was located around 12:15 EDT by a PDK-based CAP flight crew who spotted the door of the aircraft. The CAP flight requested the aid of a Georgia State Patrol Helicopter to help confirm the crash site from the air. CAP flight then led CAP ground teams, local EMA ground teams and



**Maj Jim Weed and 2Lt Keith
Dickerson inspect the crash site**

local public safety agency officials to the site. It was then confirmed that one soul was on board and that it was indeed Col. Scott Crossfield. The family was notified immediately upon confirmation. CAP offered for the family to review the contents of the press release prior to a news conference. After receiving authorization from the family, a news conference was held at the Ranger Community Center, Ranger, GA around 13:30 EDT to confirm the findings.

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Change of Command



GEORGIA – On April 25, a Change of Command ceremony took place at PDK Squadron. Maj Charlie Cayce took command of the squadron from Lt Col Jerry Cleary. 1LT Jim Crone has assumed the role of Deputy Commander. Colonel Cleary will continue to serve in as staff position as the squadron's Professional Development Officer.

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Commander's Corner

First, As your incoming squadron commander let me say that I am honored to be selected for this position, and that I consider it a grave responsibility to provide the level of leadership that is both expected and necessary to continue the path of excellence we have achieved the past four years. I will work closely with the squadron staff to ensure the momentum we have achieved continues. I cannot say enough positive things about our staff. We are blessed with the most enthusiastic, committed, and dedicated staff in the Wing – no doubt about it!

With the staff's help, and everyone's active participation, I am confident we can achieve the goals I have established below:

PDK Senior Squadron Goals for 2006/2007

PDK Senior Squadron will train to provide responsive, effective air ground and mission base crews to support the ES mission of the Georgia Wing.

Our goal is become known as the “GO TO” Squadron for Emergency Services in the North and Central areas of Georgia.

Realization of this goal will facilitate accomplishment of our secondary goal – to be recognized as the “Outstanding Senior Squadron in the Georgia Wing” - year after year.

We commit to the following:

1. To develop an atmosphere of teamwork and camaraderie which is the catalyst that enables a volunteer organization to perform “above expectations”. We will be known for excellence – always beating expectations.

2. An active Professional Development program which will encourage and assist each member to progress in the areas of Specialty Track knowledge and advancement in rank as quickly as possible. Each member will attain as a minimum technician level in a specialty track.
3. An on-going hands-on Emergency Services training program to ensure each member's currency and qualification to perform in a professional manner when tasked to participate in missions assigned our squadron. Recurrency training is as important as initial qualification training. The training forum will be monthly and available for all members.
4. To provide our members with a dynamic monthly Aerospace Education program.
5. To utilize our pilot assets to support the Cadet Orientation Flight program in the north and central Georgia area.
6. To ensure our aircraft is 100% airworthy, and to perform monthly Form 71 inspections of the plane.
7. To encourage all of our members to take an active role in staff positions as a primary or assistant staff officer. Each staff officer is encouraged to have trained their replacement
8. All members will proudly wear the appropriate CAP uniform to all CAP functions.

These are the building blocks which will help us to continue to be recognized as the Senior Squadron of the Year – year after year.

Operations

All pilots please go through your records so when MIMS is fully back on line, everything can be updated and made current.

We have many training opportunities during the second half of the year:

June: 20th, PDK Tuesday training.

July: 19, PDK Tuesday Training.

August: 15 & 29 PDK Tuesday training.

September: 9 (Sat.) PDK funded SAREX, 19th PDK Tuesday training.

October: 17th & 31st PDK Tuesday training.

All PDK training will have opportunities for flight crews, ground team, communications and mission base participation. We are getting the calls, so we must stay proficient. We need everyone to participate, even if you don't fly, come and be part of the exercise, there is always something to learn.

Maj Roy W. Villers CAP
Operations Officer GA-130

Public Affairs

I would like to thank all members of the Squadron that contribute to the newsletter. The photos, stories and departmental updates have been great. Now that I have several newsletters under my belt, it's time to take the story of PDK outside of the Squadron to the local media and our business partners. We also want to insure we are recognized within the aviation community and do a better job of internal recognition of our members.

That all being said, I would like to actively recruit for an Assistant Public Affairs Officer. If you have an interest or experience in writing, photography, media, communications, public speaking, or sales and would to contribute, please let me know.

2LT Keith Dickerson CAP
Public Affairs Officer GA-130

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The Gordon County EMA director, Courtney Taylor and the Gordon County Fire Chief, David Hawkins participated in the news conference with Capt. Paige Joyner, Director of Public Affairs for GAWG, and the Mission Information Officer for the mission. The media asked the CAP what it was like to search for one of your own. They were surprised to discover that the identity of the pilot was not released, even to the searchers, until the family had been notified and given the chance to authorize the release of his name.

GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management), the Georgia State Patrol, as well as Gordon County, Pickens County, Gilmer County Public Safety and EMA Agencies assisted in the search. The incident commander was LtCol Joe Knight, III.

Crossfield, 84, was born in Berkeley, Calif. on Oct. 2, 1921.

Crossfield was a colonel in the Civil Air Patrol having joined in December, 1988. He was a strong supporter of the Civil Air Patrol and, in particular, CAP's aerospace education program. He created the A. Scott Crossfield Aerospace Education Teacher of the Year Award to recognize and reward teachers for outstanding accomplishments in aerospace education and for their dedication to the students they teach. The Scott Crossfield Award for senior members is CAP's

highest award in aerospace education. At his 80th birthday, in 2001, Crossfield was still flying 200 hours per year as a private pilot/instrument rating. He was a fighter gunnery instructor in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In 1950, he joined

NASA's predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and was a research pilot for the next five years at the High Speed Flight Research Station at Edwards, Calif. Crossfield was the test pilot for numerous research aircraft, including the X-1, X-4, X-5, XF-92, the D-558-I and D-558-II while at Edwards. It is possible that no other test pilot in aviation history has test flown as many aircraft that are now displayed in flight museums -- The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Milestones of Flight Gallery includes the #1 X-15 and the #2 Skyrocket. He also flew the #2 Bell X-1, the sister ship of the #1 ("Glamorous Glennis"), which also hangs in the same gallery. On Nov. 20, 1953, he set four speed records before becoming the first man to reach Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound) in the air-launched, rocket-propelled D-558-2. Crossfield capped his distinguished test pilot career as the NASA program manager and first project pilot on the X-15 rocket powered research aircraft, taking the aircraft to the fringes of outer space.

Among his countless honors, Crossfield received the Lawrence Sperry Award, Octave Chanute Award, Iven C. Kincheloe Award, Harmon International Trophy and the Collier Trophy. He was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame (1983), the International Space

Hall of Fame (1988) and the Aerospace Walk of Honor (1990).

For a wonderful and detailed description of Col. Crossfield's career:

Please see: <http://www.aero-news.net/news/aerospace.cfm?ContentBlockID=bd026744-a86c-42e0-ae69-9ace738d3567&Dynamic=1>

NSTB Link

http://www.nts.gov/nts/br/ief.asp?ev_id=20060501X00494&key=1

Georgia Wing Commander's Col Heredia response to the mission,

"I would like to personally thank those that participated and stood by this mission. The response was outstanding and the finding was something to have pride in. Outstanding job by all!"

Paige Joyner, Capt., CAP
Director of Public Affairs, GAWG

CAYCE – From Page 1

Major Cayce grew up in Charlotte, NC and attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering. After college, he spent two years on active duty in the Army at Fort Eustis, VA.

The Major met his wife Kathy while in the service; they have been married 42 years and have three sons, all living in the Atlanta area - so they can enjoy their four grandchildren (with five on the way). He has been in the heating/air conditioning field his entire career.

The Major learned to fly at age 60, the same year he joined CAP. Flying and CAP have become his avocation, and he looks forward to many years involvement with both. His other interests include: church, classical choir singing, scuba diving, bicycling and golf.

Promotions and Awards



LtCol Jerry Clearly and Maj Cayce attaching another Unit Citation banner to the squadron flag



Maj Roy Villers receiving promotion from LtCol Jerry Clearly



2LT DR Fincher receiving his promotion from Maj Cayce



LtCol Jerry Clearly and Maj Cayce with the GA Wing Squadron of the Year Award



Newly promoted 2LT Brad Choate (left) flying back from SLS School



1LT Eric Slocum - GA Wing 2005 Communications Officer of the Year



Newly promoted 2LT Keith Dickerson speaking during May's AE program

SEARCH AND RESCUE FIND

Lt.Col. Jerry Clearly
Maj Charlie Cayce
1LT Ken Hairr

LEADERSHIP RIBBON

2LT Brad Choate – Finance
2LT Andrea Van Buren – Personnel

MEMBERSHIP RIBBON

SM Lesley Romans
SM Walter Larry
SM Jonathan Miner
SM John Folsom

LEVEL II

1LT William Hale

EMEGENCY SERVICES

2LT Brad Choate – ES Patch
Maj Roy Villers – Senior Rating

If you have received an award or promotion and have not been recognized in the newsletter, please email the specifics to keith.dickerson@us.schneider-electric.com

Activities and Photos

Emergency Services Missions

Since April, PDK has responded to the following Emergency Services Missions:

April - Crossfield Search **
(1) ELT (non-distress)

May – (2) ELT (non-distress)

PDK Members participating in least one of these missions:

Maj Charlie Cayce **
LtCol Jerry Cleary **
2LT Keith Dickerson **
2LT DR Fincher
1LT Ken Hairr **
Maj Diane Herring
Maj Rick Herring
1LT Joanne Janchus
1LT William Hale **
2LT Pamela Skaff



Ground Team Leader

I have nothing but good things to say about the Ground Team training we received and how perfectly it prepared us for the real thing. The third and fifth Tuesday training reinforces that initial training and makes us better prepared to handle real world scenarios. The organization and technical expertise displayed by all who organize and execute our training days has been exceptional and these individuals deserve credit for a job well done.

On a personal note, I have had the opportunity to work closely with several members of the Squadron on both distress and non-distress real world Ground Team missions. These members are Keith Dickerson, Pamela Skaff and Joanne Janchus. Their dedication and professionalism have been key to our successful missions of late. They are a pleasure to work with and major contributors of our recent success on the ground.

1LT William Hale CAP
SAR Officer GA130

Squadron Leadership School

2LT Brad Choate, 1LT James Ewing and 2LT Andrea Van Buren flew (see photo on page 4) to Americus, GA for SLS on May 20-21.

SLS (Squadron Leadership School) is required for completing Level II and promotion to Captain. The course covers basic information on CAP and squadron operations including CAP's relationship with the Air Force, administrative procedures, and uniform wear. The course is usually held twice a year by the wing. New members are highly encouraged to attend the course early in their professional development.

2LT Andrea Van Buren CAP
Personnel Officer GA130



Activities and Photos



Crossfield crash site as seen from CAP aircraft



Crossfield search aircrew



State Police helicopter directing CAP ground team to site of Crossfield crash site



Crossfield crash site



Mario Diaz – Assistant Manager of Hartsfield Airport and Maj Bill Bell during Mr. Diaz's AE program



1LT James Ewing manning the status board during a recent training exercise



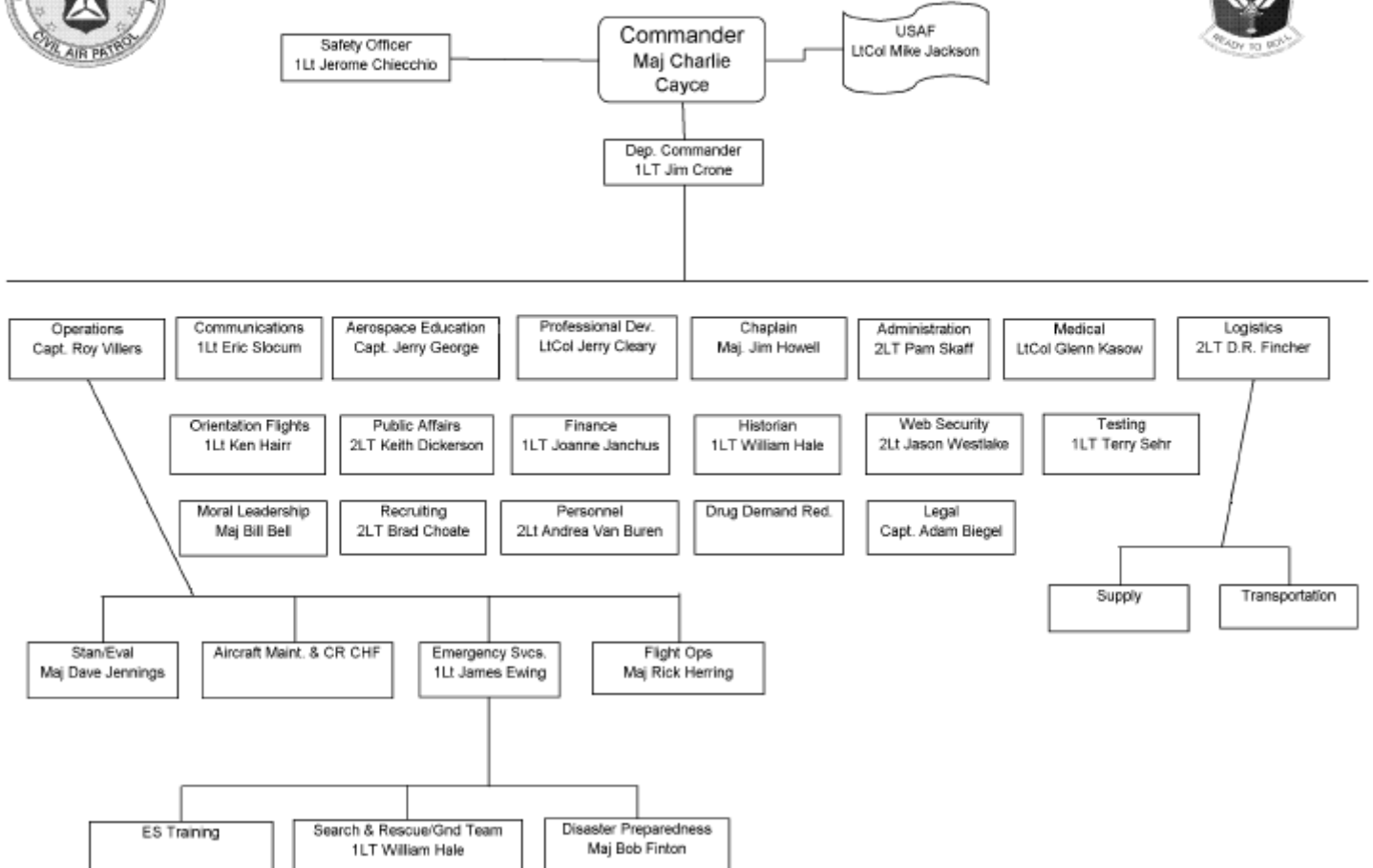
Maj Bob Finton and Maj Cayce presenting DeKalb Fire Department Battalion Chief John Creasy an award of recognition for his efforts in training PDK's ground team.

For online updates of the meeting/training schedule, please go to

http://www.gawg.cap.gov/GA130/pdk_training_schedule.xls



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